unskilled doctors are using a new eye surgery viz. Phacoemulsification, which harms the patients; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Phacoemulsification is the most modern technique for cataract extraction with Intraocular lens implantation. While this procedure is common in developed countries, it is new for India and can be followed by persons who are or were doing cataract operation by conventional methods. Like all new procedures, this also has its own learning curve. There are several facilities available in the country where this procedure is done as a routine and where Ophthalmologists can observe and gain experience in this procedure of phacoemulsification.

Concession extended to the accredited press persons for air journey

1092. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concession extended to the accredited press persons for air journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will think of providing such concession in domestic routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal at present, is under consideration.

दूरदर्शन और विदेशी टी०वी० नेटवर्कों द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के लिए दर्शकों की वरीयता का पता लगाना

1093. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी टी० वी० नेटवर्कों द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों की तुलना में दूरदर्शन द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के लिए दर्शकों की वरीयता निर्धारित करने हेतु कोई अध्ययन कराया गया है या कराया जायेगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा और निष्कर्ष क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Multi-point initiative for comprehensive development of tourism

1094. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring out a multi-point initiative to comprehensively develop tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a tourism oriented training programme is also envisaged in the proposed plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to promote tourism in the Himalayan region and make it eco-friendly?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has drawn a strategy paper for a comprehensive development of Tourism in the country. Human Resource Development in Tourism is a major component of the strategy.

(e) The Himalayan Tourism Advisory